

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1930

STORMS

From all four corners of the compass comes a whirlwind of news, and a lot of it's about the weather. In the South doctors and nurses have been rushed to the delta country of Mississippi and Louisiana, the region that has been swept by a tornado. The hospitals of the city of Natchez are crowded with victims. Dozens of plantation buildings are flat as a result of the tornado. The United Press says that one woman was picked up by the cyclonic wind and hurled into an open fireplace.

Out West old man winter is blowing his icy breath tonight. A blizzard has swept down into the Dakotas and Minnesota, and the Associated Press reports that the storm is sweeping across the Middle West.

From the Pacific Coast come dispatches telling about violent gales that have taken a toll of several lives at San Francisco.

Back here along the Atlantic the International News

Service reports that a number of boats have gone aground in the fog and that many ships are waiting outside New York harbor for the fog to lift.

This week's issue of the Literary Digest has an article which takes us back to those dry, blistering days of last summer. The excessive heat did a few freak things, and the Digest quotes Science Service in telling about a few of them. For instance, there were two draw bridges over the Harlem River in New York. They kept expanding and expanding from the heat. They expanded so much that two inches of steel had to be burned off with an acetylene torch. In Boston the glass of a skylight was thought to have acted as a lens and set fire to a Yacht Club. While in Missouri, automobiles were set on fire by sun shining through wind shields. In Pennsylvania ten per cent of the apples hanging on the sunny side of a tree were found to be bakes^d. A little sugar and cream and they would have been ready to serve.

In Europe, too, they're having stormy weather.

An Associated Press dispatch tells us that the giant German

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seaplane, the DO-X, may not cross the Atlantic until next spring, on account of bad weather.

METEORS

And that celestial show billed for this week end, the one with the shooting stars, - well it was a flop; at any rate it was so far as this part of the country was concerned. The weather man wrecked it.

The Associated Press reports, however, that New Orleans had a good view of the celestial visitors. The shooting stars appeared at about the rate of forty an hour, one every minute or two, and they were of dazzling brilliance, as they zipped across the night.

Like the weather, politics over here are slightly disturbed.

POLITICS

That close harmony down in Washington is a bit out of tune today, and the one who is singing in a key all by himself is Senator Borah. You will recall how, after the election, prominent Democrats advocated a policy of working hand in hand with President Hoover.

Well since then a few other Democrats have said they didn't feel quite so harmonious. Insurgent Republicans have also been slightly discordant. But now the mighty Mr. Borah, says the United Press, is going to bring up the subject of Farm Relief. The dispatch adds that this may cause an extra session of Congress.

There may be fireworks during the approaching session, but the real interest will be in the new Congress, a year from now. Control of Congress says the Associated Press may fluctuate between the Republicans and the Democrats. In the House for a week the Speaker may be a Republican and then for a week a Democrat may be the speaker and so on, with the job passing back and forth. A situation like that has never been

known in Washington.

In the big State, War and Navy Building down there,
a new man is taking an important desk.

McARTHUR

Uncle Sam's Regulars are going to have a new chief. The Army, I mean. Of course, President Hoover is the Commander of all our military and Naval forces, but he has plenty of other things to do, and the real head of the Army is Chief of Staff. And now there is going to be another one. Major General Douglas McArthur. That's his name. Yes, and he is going to be the youngest Chief of Staff that our Army has had since the World War.

This week General McArthur is to arrive in Washington to take over his new duties. He ought to know a lot about army affairs, if there is anything either in heredity or environment. Not only has he devoted his life to the Army but his father was a general in the Civil War and he comes from a long line of soldiers. It would take several minutes just to read off a list of the American and foreign decorations he has received. Did you ever hear of the Rainbow division? Well, General McArthur is the man who during the World War, commanded the Rainbow Division.

Commanding the Army is a quiet job just now - but it's different in Spain.

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1 That big rumpus over ~~in Spain~~ doesn't
2 show any signs of cooling down. [A general
3 strike has been proclaimed in the ancient
4 city of Granada just as a gesture of
5 sympathy with the walk-out in Madrid and
6 Barcelona. The strike in those two cities
7 began last week in the building trades.
8 In Barcelona, says the International News
9 Service, 200,000 workmen have thrown down
10 their tools. All over the city there were
11 riots. Trolley cars were set on fire, and
12 shop windows broken. Today the stores
13 were closed, newspapers suspended, and
14 theatres dark.

15 In Madrid, ~~says the United Press, the~~
16 ~~people are threatened with a food shortage,~~
17 ~~The government has come to the rescue and~~
18 ~~says it will supply the city with bread~~
19 ~~from the army camps if necessary.~~

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POLAND

21 They've been having a hot time in
22 Poland, too, ~~you know~~. The parliamentary
23 elections took place yesterday to the tune
24 of riots and commotions all over Warsaw.
25 But that old fireeater, Marshal Pilsudski,

came out with a majority, says the Associated Press. And he's now in control of the Polish Parliament.

And then, about that disturbed situation in the Holy Land. England is trying to do something about it.

PALESTINE

Great Britain is getting ready to spend a lot of money in Palestine. The Under-Secretary of State for the British colonies announced in the House of Commons today that \$12,500,000 will be set aside to help 10,000 settlers in the Holy Land.

1 they're going to put a traffic
2 cop outside of the Lindbergh house,
3 I mean the new one Lindbergh has just
4 moved into near Princeton, New Jersey.
5 But it was the neighbors who asked
6 for the cop, not Lindbergh. The
7 International News says that no sooner
8 had he moved in with his family than
9 the road past his new home got all
10 snarled up with traffic. Everybody
11 wanted to see where Lindy lives, and what
12 the baby looks like. So the cop is
13 being stationed there to tell the sight-
14 seers to move on.

15 Interest seems to be pretty evenly
16 divided between the Lindberghs' new
17 baby and Colonel Lindbergh's new plane.
18 The Associated Press says ~~the Lockheed~~
19 Aircraft ^{Firm} ~~people~~ have been working for
20 nine months on a new type of wing for his
21 monoplane. [With these wings and a new
22 motor, they expect ~~the~~ plane to make
23 225 miles an hour. Rumors here in the
24 East say that ^{the Colonel} ~~Lindbergh~~ is going to fly
25 to South America in it.

Revolutions are not confined to Europe and South America. According to the United Press, there's one out in Montana. The co-eds of Montana State College have gone on strike. The faculty laid down an eleven-o'clock curfew law. The girls gave that idea what is popularly called the raspberry. The girls refused to attend classes, and sang the famous old "Prisoner's Song" in protest. They held mass meetings, built ~~xx~~ bonfires, and even appealed to the governor of the State.

SPINSTERS

Ladies are up in arms. Ishbel MacDonald, the British Prime Minister's daughter, announced that she didn't like the term spinster. She wanted to be called a bachelor girl. The discussion is now raging on this side of the Atlantic. Miss Lena Phillips, who used to be president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, says she doesn't mind the word, spinster, but she does object to the term "old maid". And Helen Havener, the editor of the Independent Woman", says what we need is a new name to define woman's new place in the world.

What shall it be? Old maid, spinster, bachelor girl, or what?

FOOTBALL

Jumping Jow Savoldi was the star fullback of the Notre Dame football team. Jumping Joe has dived over the goal line for the sake of dear old Notre Dame for the last time. Knute Rockne is losing one of the best football players he ever coached. Jumping Joe is leaving the university, says the International News Service. He was secretly married some time ago, and the dispatch adds that by getting married Jumping Joe ~~ixi~~ violated one of the unwritten laws of the team.

TOBACCO

Yesterday was the 400th birthday of the god-father of tobacco. He was Jean Nicot, French ambassador to Portugal in the 16th century. He introduced tobacco into France by getting some tobacco seeds, which had come from Florida. He sent the seeds to Queen Catherine di Medici in France. Catherine turned them over to somebody, who planted them. That began the cultivation of tobacco in Europe.

In Paris, according to a United Press dispatch, a party of smokers celebrated the birthday amid clouds of tobacco smoke. They elected a Queen of Tobacco.

Meanwhile, over here in America there was at least one celebration too - although the people celebrating may not have known anything about the birthday. Down in Atlanta, Georgia, at a religious Conference a minister of Brockton, Georgia, was applying for

1 admittance to the Conference. The report
2 was made that the ~~Rev. Curley~~^{minister} used
3 tobacco. His doctor told him to. The
4 Conference decided he'd have to stop it.
5 So, he took the pledge against tobacco,
6 and became a member of the Conference.

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That ghost story I told you Saturday Evening has been explained. It was about Darewski, a composer of jazz music in London. He was conducting an orchestra for a dancing act, when he saw an apparition of a warrior pass across the stage. Well, it turns out that the apparition was a London fireman. Just a fireman in one of those swanky helmets the firemen wear over there. He was making his rounds, and he happened to get in the way of the stage lights *and* ~~so it looked as though~~ his shadow ~~xxx~~ went ~~was~~ floating across the stage. That fireman's helmet made him look ~~ix~~ just like an ancient warrior.

The news dispatches stated that this composer was the writer of the famous stuttering song, K-k-katie. I quoted the news dispatch ~~on the air~~, and this morning got a hot correction. I was told emphatically that Darewski did not compose K-K-Katie at all, but that the man who really wrote the famous song is the well known American song

writer Jeffry O'Hara. K-K-Katie certainly had a characteristic American flavor, and I should have known that an American had written it. So, here's to Mr. O'Hara, may he continue to write clever ditties like K-K-Katie as long as the old moon continues to rise over the cowshed.

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NEWS ITEM

Some of you may have heard the name of Dr. Tseih. He is a gentleman from China who has visited more than 3,000 cities and towns in North America. He also is said to know more words of our American slang than we know ourselves. Well, I met Dr. Tseih on the street, and I commandeered him to pick my News Item of the Day.

"Here's one," he said "that knocks me for a row of ash cans! Just give this the once over, my boy." And here's the yarn he picked.

The old German war fleet, those battle ships that the Kaiser once was so proud of, the ships that startled the world when they met the British at the battle of Jutland, are being turned into iron and steel to build movie houses and to make

1 ash trays! No wonder Dr. Tseih picked
2 this item. From the second most powerful
3 fleet in the world to prosaic ash trays.
4 Was there ever a fall like that?

5 Eleven years ago the great German
6 fleet surrendered to the Allies at
7 Scapa Flow. It was one of the most
8 dramatic events of our time. Then it
9 lay at anchor up there in that ^{Orkney} ~~Island~~ *Island*
10 harbor off the coast of Scotland. But
11 the German crew put one over on the Allies.
12 Rather than see their great Men-o-War
13 used by their enemies, they opened the
14 sea cocks and the ocean came in. They
15 scuttled every last one of those ships.
16 You'll all remember that.

17 Since then the British have been
18 salvaging those ships, and breaking them
19 up; and selling them for old iron. 30
20 battleships and cruisers have been
21 refloated to date out of 74, and according
22 to the United Press, that will be all.
23 The others sank in water too deep for
24 salvaging. The giant battleship,
25 Hindenberg, has recently been brought to

the surface. It is now being broken up. It and other vessels of the once mighty war fleet are being put to the same purposes -- movie theatres and ash trays. How the mighty have fallen.

Kings are losing their thrones right and left these days. Now here's another who's stepping down. Bobby Jones, world's greatest golf player, ~~has announced~~ today announced his intention of abdicating. He says he's through--that is, almost. Bobby said that at the end of the 1930 golfing season he will give up tournament golf once and for all.

The Associated Press says that Bobby announced his retirement through the executive Vice-President of the United States Golf ~~ing~~ Association. He is giving up his throne as king of golf for two reasons, so that he can devote more of his time to the practice of law, and so he can make a series of motion pictures. ~~for Warner Brothers.~~ The International News Service tells us that these movies will be of an educational nature. They will explain the Jones golf technique.

This is a pretty good news item to end my dispatches with tonight. Because I can just see all of you golfers getting restless. I can see you already turning

off the radio and starting for your bag of clubs, to
practice the old swing on the living room rug. And here's
hoping you win Bobby Jones' crown. Go to it boys. Tee off,
and,

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.